

Board of Directors



Henry K. Ricklefs (Hank)

Hank Ricklefs is a retired Vice President for the Plum Creek Timber Company, Inc., Northern Region. He received a BA from Dartmouth College in 1971 and MBA from Amos Tuck School at Dartmouth in 1972. He has a 35 year work history in the wood products and forestry industry. Hank has experience in the management of large-scale business operations including financial and budgetary expertise, experience with Whitefish Trails system and impacts on local recreational opportunities and eco-systems, and familiarity with collaborative efforts between business and non-profit entities.

Hank has lived in Whitefish since 1996 and has served on several boards. He was a member of North Valley Hospital board from 2002-2013, Chair for the final two years; instigator of Flathead Valley Community College Business & Industry Council in 1999; member of the Whitefish Legacy Partners Board since 2011; and member of Houston Point Homeowners Association board for 12 years. Hank has been married to Susan for 35 years. They have two grown children and four grandchildren, all residing in Montana. His hobbies include skiing, golf, fly fishing and travel.

Hank believes the foremost issues facing WLI are addressing the Lake's surrounding property for septic system improvements; securing adequate funding and budgeting to provide continual, solid science in the management of lake issues, while avoiding political entanglements; integrating WLI activities with other ecosystem enhancements or public improvements surrounding the greater Whitefish Lake Watershed.